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This is a decision on the electronic petition, filed 

July 10,2012 ,under 37 CFR 1.378(c) to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of the 

11.5 year maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The maintenance fee is accepted, and the above-identified patent reinstated as of Tuly 10,2012 This decision also constitutes notice that the fee has been accepted. An electronic copy of the petition and this decision has been created as an entry in the Image File Wrapper. Nevertheless, petitioner should print and retain an independent copy.

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